



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Assassination of Serbian PM Djindjic

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Douglas A. Davidson
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States joins others in expressing its heartfelt condolences to the delegation of Serbia and Montenegro and through Ambassador Milinkovic to the family and friends of Prime Minister Djindjic.

A leader's courage is infrequently rewarded in his lifetime with the chance to see the seeds he has planted bear fruit. As Ambassador Massari said yesterday in Belgrade on behalf of the OSCE Mission there, we believe that a lasting tribute to Prime Minister Djindjic will hopefully be the progress that Serbia will make in implementing, and benefiting from, the reforms that he introduced. We stand ready to assist Serbia in that goal.

Again, Ambassador Milinkovic, please accept our sincere condolences for your tragic and untimely loss.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.